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to which the Secretary recommends the change be made.

[46 FR 61114, Dec. 15, 1981, as amended at 47 FR 31550, July 21, 1982; 47 FR 55678, Dec. 13, 1982; 48 FR 25186, June 6, 1983; 48 FR 46031, Nov. 11, 1983; 49 FR 19478, May 8, 1984]

§ 946.12 State program provisions and amendments not approved.

(a) The following provisions are disapproved effective April 22, 1983: Paragraphs 3.01(a)(1), 3.01(a)(4) and 3.01 (a)(5) of the Virginia Coal Surface Mining and Reclamation Regulations for Operations Disturbing Two Surface Acres or Less.

(b) The following provisions of the coal surface mining reclamation regulations promulgated pursuant to Chapter 19, Title 45.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as submitted on November 8, 1985, as hereby disapproved:

(1) The definition of "affected area" in section 480-03-19.700.5 to the extent that it could be interpreted as excluding all public roads with more than incidental public use;

(2) Section 480-03-19.761.11(h), which prohibits mining on certain Federal lands, in its entirety; and

(c)(1) We are not approving the words, "or the UCP revision current at the time of issuance of the letter of credit," in the definition of "Collateral bond," paragraph (d), at 4 VAC 25-130-700.5; and

(2) We are not approving the words, "or revision current at the time of

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issuance of the letter of credit" at 4 VAC 25-130-800.21(c)(1).

[50 FR 32851, Aug. 15, 1985, as amended at 51 FR 42554, Nov. 25, 1986; 52 FR 26973, July 17, 1987; 66 FR 43483, Aug. 20, 2001]

§ 946.13 State program provisions set aside.

(a) Paragraphs 3.01(a)(1), 3.01(a)(4) and 3.01(a)(5) of the Virginia Coal Surface Mining and Reclamation Regulations for Operations Disturbing Two Surface Acres or Less are inconsistent with and less effective than the Federal provisions for the two-acre exemption and are set aside in their entirety under the provisions of section 505(b) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

(b) [Reserved]

[50 FR 32851, Aug. 15, 1985]

§ 946.15 Approval of Virginia regulatory program amendments.

The following is a list of the dates amendments were submitted to OSM, the dates when the Director's decision approving all, or portions of these amendments, were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the State citations or a brief description of each amendment. The amendments in this table are listed in order of the date of final publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
January 28, 1982	July 21, 1982	Virginia's revised policy statement granting authority to field inspectors to issue cessation orders for imminent danger or harm.
July 9, 1982	August 19, 1982	VA Code § 33.1-246.1; V816.150, V817.150.
July 8, 1982	September 21, 1982	VA Code §§ 45.1-270.1 through .7; V808.15, V809, reference changes to remainder of Subchapter VJ.
August 13, 1982	December 13, 1982	VA Code § 45.1-235(C); conditions (j), (l) through (p), (s).
September 30, 1982	January 18, 1983	§ V809.
December 20, 1982	February 28, 1983	§ V809.11.
March 22, 1983	April 21, 1983, June 6 and 20, 1983.	VA Code §§ 45.1-234, 240, 249, 251.
July 9, 1982	April 22, 1983	Chapter 23 of Title 45.
May 20, 1983	December 27, 1983	VA Code §§ 45.1-270.2 through .4; Part V809.
July 27, 1983	March 16, 1984	Coal haul road policy.
February 10, 1984	May 8, 1984	§ V786.19(o).
April 11, 1984	August 2, 1984	Subchapter VM Part V850—Blaster certification program; §§ V816/817.61(c); Chapter 230 of the 1984 Acts of Assembly; and all other items.
June 13, 1984	August 31, 1984	Chapter 590 of the 1984 Acts of Assembly to revise various Sections of Title 45.
February 20, 1985	May 8, 1985	VA Code §§ 45.1-244, 369.1.
May 1985	August 15, 1985	VA Code §§ 45.1-364, 364.1.
September 4, 1985	November 18, 1985	V700.5—definitions of "coal preparation or coal processing," "coal preparation plant".
November 8, 1985	November 25, 1986	VR 480-03-19: 700 through 850; techniques for measuring revegetation success; applications for a permit revision.
March 20, 1987	July 17, 1987	VR 480-03-19: 784.20(f)(2); 817.121(c)(2).

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January 16, 1987 June 15, 1987, July 2, 1987. September 1, 1987 ...	August 17, 1987 December 31, 1987	VR 480-03-19.801.13(a)(2), .17(a). VA Code §§ 45.1-270.3:1, .4, .5:1, .6B; VR 480-03-19.801.12(a).
September 10, 1987	March 7, 1988	VR 480-13-19.789.1(e); measurement techniques for determining ground cover on small areas; sampling techniques for measuring productivity of grazing land, pasture land, and crop land; VR 480-03-19: .843.15, .845.17(b), .18(b)(1).
June 30, 1989	June 16, 1988	VR 480-03-19: 700.5 defining "abatement plan," "actual improvement," "base-line pollution load," "best professional judgment," "best technology," "pollution abatement area;" 785.19; 825.
July 5, 1989	December 1, 1989 ..	VR 480-03-19: 700.11; 764.15, 773.15; 779.19, .20; 780.14, .16; 783.19, .20; 784.20, .21; 785.14; 801.17; 816.97; 817.97; 840.11; 846, .2, .12; 846.14, .17, .18.
April 6, 1988	February 2, 1990 February 5, 1990	VA Code §§ 45.1-270.2, .3. VR 480-03-19: 700.5; 772.12(b)(8)(iv); 773.12, .15(c)(11), (12); 779.12(b), .24(j); .780.31; 783.12(b), .24(j); 784.17; 785.13(b)(2), .14(c)(1), .16(a)(1); 800.52; 816/817.116(b)(3)(v)(C); 842.15(d); 843.12(j), .13(f); revegetation success standard.
August 31, 1990 September 12, 1990 June 29, 1990 April 5, 1991, May 1, 1991. October 1, 1990	December 7, 1990 .. December 26, 1990 January 4, 1991 August 5, 1991 July 7, 1992	VA Code §§ 45.1-270.4:1. VR 480-03-19: 784.20; 817.121. VR 480-03-19: 700.5; 773.15, .17, .20, .21; 778.13, .14; 843.11, .13. VR 480-03-19: 801.11(a), .12(a), (b), (g), .14(a) through (d), .15(a); VA Code §§ 45.1-261.1, 270.3, .3:1, .4, .4:1. VR 480-03-19: 700.5 definitions—"Road," "Support Facilities," .11(a), (4), (d); 701.11(a) through (c); 702.5 defining Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals, .11 through .18; 772.11(a), (b)(3), .12(a), (b)(3), (d), .14(a), (b); 773.11(a); 780.25(c), .37(a) through (e), .38; 784.16(c), .24(a) through (e), .30; 785.17(e)(5), .21(a); 800.60(b); 815.2, .15(b); 816.46(c)(2), .49(a)(1), (3)(i), (5), (8), (9), (b)(7), (c)(2), .84(b)(2), (f), .116(b)(3)(i), (ii), (iv)(C), (c)(2), .150(a) through .150(e), (f)(1), .151(a)(1), (2), (c), (d)(1), (2), (4), (5), (6); 817.46(c)(2), .49(a)(1), (3)(i), (5), (8), (9), (b)(7), (c)(2), .84(b)(2), (f), .116(b)(3)(i), (ii), (iv)(C), (v)(C), (c)(2), .150(a) through (e), (f)(1), .151(a), (c), (d)(1), (2), (4), (5), (6); 823.11(b), .12(c)(2), .14(d); 827.1; 843.11(a)(2).
May 6, 1993 October 22, 1993 October 31, 1994 October 13, 1995 April 17, 1996 May 28, 1996	September 24, 1993 September 27, 1994 August 8, 1995 May 29, 1996 August 19, 1996 September 4, 1996	VA Code §§ 45.1-243, -258. VR 480-03-19.816/817: .49(a)(3)(ii), .116(b)(3)(v)(A), (c)(3), .151(b), .152. VR 480-03-19.816/817.102(e)(1), (2). VR 480-03-19.816.102(e), .817.102(e). VA Code § 45.1-243B; VR 480-03-19.784.14(g); 817.41(i)(3), (i)(3)(i), (ii). VA 480-03-19.700.5 concerning definitions of "Lands eligible for remining," "Un-anticipated event or condition;" 773.15(b)(4), (c)(14); 785.25; 816/817.116(c)(2)(i), (ii).
May 21, 1996	September 17, 1997, and November 12, 1997.	VA Code §§ 480-03-19.700.5; 784.14, 20; 817.41, 121.
December 1, 1997	June 24, 1998	VA Code Sections 701.5; 779.22 [deletion], .25(k) [deletion]; 780.23, .25(a), (a)(2)(a)(3), (b), (c)(3), (f), 35(b); 783.25(k) [deletion]; 784.15, .16(a), (a)(2), (a)(3), (b), (c)(3), (f), .23(c); 800.40(a)(3); 816.46(a)(2), (b)(3), (b)(5), (c)(2), .49(a)(1), (a)(4)(i) & (ii), (5), (6), (9), (11), (c)(2), .74(a) through (g), .81(a), (c)(3) [deletion], .89(d) [deletion], .104, .105; 817.46(a)(2), (b)(3), (b)(5), (c)(2), .49(a)(1), (a)(4)(i) & (ii), (5), (6), (9), (11), (c)(2), .74(a) through (g), .81(a), (c)(3) [deletion], .89(d) [deletion]; 840.11(f)(2) & (g)(4), (h); 843.14(a)(2); 845.17(b) through (b)(2)(ii), .18(a), (b) through (b)(3)(ii), (d)(1) & (2), .19(a) and 846.17(b)(3) [deletion] and (c).
July 31, 1997 November 17, 1998 .. August 2, 1999	May 3, 1999 December 13, 1999 December 27, 1999	Code of Virginia at § 45.1-241(C) concerning letter of credit. Policy clarification for implementing 4 VAC 25-130-774.13(d). Statute: 45.1-235 C of the Code of Virginia. Regulations: 4 VAC 25-130-700.5; 795.1; 795.6(a)(2); 795.7(e)(2) [deleted], and (e)(5) [deleted]; 795.8(a) and (b); 795.9(a), (b)(1) through (b)(6); 795.10(a)(5), (b), (c) [deleted] and (d) [deleted]; 795.11(b); 795.12(a), (a)(2), (a)(3), (b) [deleted], and (c) [deleted].
November 24, 1998 .. June 27, 2000	February 7, 2000 November 2, 2000 ..	Policy clarification for implementing 4 VAC 25-130-816/817.76. 4 VAC 25-130-784.20(a)(3) amended and suspended in part; 817.121(c)(4)(i) through (iv) suspended and deleted.
September 22, 2000	August 20, 2001	4 VAC 25-130-700.5 (partial approval); 800.21(a), (c)(1) (partial approval), (2) and (3), and (d).

[62 FR 9956, Mar. 5, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 60660, Nov. 12, 1997; 63 FR 34286, June 24, 1998; 64 FR 23544, May 3, 1999; 64 FR 69402, Dec. 13, 1999; 64 FR 72280, Dec. 27, 1999; 65 FR 5784, Feb. 7, 2000; 65 FR 65782, Nov. 2, 2000; 66 FR 43483, Aug. 20, 2001]

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§ 946.20 Abandoned mine land reclamation plan approval.

Virginia Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan as submitted on September 22, 1980, is approved effective December 15, 1981. Copies of the approved plan are available for review at the following locations:

(a) Virginia Division of Mined Land Reclamation, P.O. Drawer 900, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219.

(b) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Big Stone Gap Field Office, P.O. Drawer 1216, Powell Valley Square Shopping Center, room

220, Route 23, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219.

[51 FR 42555, Nov. 25, 1986, as amended at 59 FR 17930, Apr. 15, 1994]

§ 946.25 Approval of Virginia abandoned mine land reclamation plan amendments.

(a) The following is a list of the dates amendments were submitted to OSM, the dates when the Director's decision approving all, or portions of these amendments, were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the State citations or a brief description of each amendment. The amendments in this table are listed in order of the date of final publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
November 8, 1985	November 25, 1986	VR 480–03–19.874 through 882.
February 3, 1987	November 13, 1987	VR 480–03–19.884.13(c) (2), (5), (6), (7), (d)(1), (2); Establish emergency program.
Feb. 29, 1996	July 3, 1997	Revisions to the Virginia State Reclamation Plan corresponding to 30 CFR 884.13(a), (b), (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(4), (c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(7), (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(3), (d)(4), (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), (f)(1), (f)(2), and (f)(3).
September 19, 1997	February 5, 1998	Revisions to the Virginia State Reclamation Plan corresponding to 30 CFR 884.13(c)(2)—Ranking and Selection: Set Aside Funds; and the AML Water Project Evaluation form.
September 10, 1999	January 7, 2000	Revisions to the Virginia State Reclamation Plan corresponding to 30 CFR 884.13(c)(2)—Ranking and Selection: Reclamation Projects Receiving Less Than 50% Government Funding.

(b) You may receive a copy from:

(1) Virginia Division of Mined Land Reclamation, P.O. Drawer 900, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219, or

(2) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Big Stone Gap Field Office, Powell Valley Square Shopping Center, 1941 Neeley Road, Suite 201, Compartment 116, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219.

[62 FR 9957, Mar. 5, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 35968, July 3, 1997; 63 FR 5891, Feb. 5, 1998; 65 FR 1065, Jan. 7, 2000]

§ 946.30 State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

This is a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) between the Commonwealth of Virginia (State) acting by and through the Governor, and the United States Department of the Interior (Department), acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary).

ARTICLE I: INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE, AND RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY

A. *Authority:* This Agreement is authorized by section 523(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA or the Act), 30 U.S.C. 1273(c), which provides that any State with a permanent regulatory program approved under 30 U.S.C. 1253 may enter into an agreement with the Secretary to assume the responsibilities of regulating surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands within that State. This Agreement provides for such regulation within the Commonwealth of Virginia (State) consistent with SMCRA, the Virginia State Program, and the Federal Lands Program (30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter D).

B. *Purpose:* The purpose of this Agreement is to (1) foster State-Federal cooperation in the regulation of coal mining including coal exploration on Federal lands containing non-Federal coal; (2) minimize intergovernmental overlap and duplication; and (3) provide uniform and effective application of the Virginia State Program (State Program) on all Federal lands except those containing leased Federal coal. This agreement does not apply on Indian lands.